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WATCHET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1963

I will begin with the vital statistics for 1963.

There were 39 births, (48 in 1961, 43 in 1962); 16 boys and 23 girls. (14 born or registered in District).

There were 36 deaths, (32 in 1961, 35 in 1962), of which 20 were male and 16 female.

A breakdown of ages is as follows:-

<u>Male</u>	6 over 75
	2 over 65
	8 over 55
	2 over 45
	1 over 35
	1 between 15 and 25

<u>Female</u>	9 over 75
	6 over 65
	0 over 55
	1 over 45
	0 over 35
	0 between 15 and 25



The causes of death were as follows:-

Coronary disease	- 7
Other heart diseases	- 6
Other circulatory diseases	- 4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	- 5
Other malignant neoplasms	- 4
Bronchitis	- 2
Other respiratory diseases	- 1
Stomach or duodenal ulcers	- 1
Suicide	- 2
Motor accidents	- 1
Hyperplasia of prostate	- 1
Breast neoplasms	- 1
Other defined and undefined diseases	- 1
<u>Total</u>	36

Here it is interesting to note that heart or vascular disease accounted for 22 deaths with no cancer of the lung.

We now come to Immunisations:-

Diphtheria (primary course)

Children born	1959 - 1
	1960 - 1
	1961 - 2
	1962 - 22
	1963 - 15
<u>Total</u>	41

Booster Injections:-

Children born	1949-53	- 27
	1954-58	- 23
	1959	- 1
	1960	- 1
	1961	- 13
	1962	- 5
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	<u>Total</u>	70

Tetanus (primary course)

Children born	1959	- 1
	1960	- 1
	1961	- 2
	1962	- 22
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	<u>Total</u>	41

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Whooping cough Immunisations:-

Children born	1959	- 1
	1960	- 1
	1961	- 2
	1962	- 22
	1963	- 15
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	<u>Total</u>	41

Polio Immunisation:-

Children born	1933-42	- 2
	1943-61	- 4
	1962	- 34
	1963	- 6
under 40 and priority group		- 3
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	<u>Total</u>	49

Reinforcing Doses

15 received an oral dose after 2 injections.

32 children between 5 and 12 years received an oral dose after 3 injections or oral doses.

Smallpox Vaccinations:-

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Revaccination</u>
Age under 1 year	3	0
at 1 year	11	0
15 + years	2	4

Infectious Diseases

During the year, we had 125 cases of measles between the ages of 1 to 15, 54 of them in the 5-9 years old group. There were also three cases of whooping cough.

Additionally we had a visit from the Mass X-ray Service.

At the Wansbrough Paper Company a total of 242 people, (210 male, 32 female) were x-rayed.

On the Esplanade, Watchet, 323 people were x-rayed, (122 male, 201 female). Of these, 2 films were found to be significant, neither fortunately serious nor sinister.

Compared with their previous visit in 1960, 24 less people were x-rayed this time in Watchet, and 90 more were x-rayed at the Paper Company.

Our water supply was satisfactory during the year, and once again, the ships visiting us presented no problems.

Finally, I would like to thank my Public Health Inspector and our District Nurses for their invaluable assistance.

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